

### Amendments to the Specification

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

#### --Background of the Invention

##### (1) Field of the Invention.

The invention relates to a process for managing objects, in particular software modules, in a communication network which may be of the home-automation type. It also relates to devices able to be linked to such a network and comprising means for implementing the process.--

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

#### --(2) Related Art.

In a network of mass-market electronic devices such as televisions, cable or satellite decoders or video recorders, it is necessary to provide means of communication between the devices, whilst taking account of the complexity and price constraints inherent in mass-produced devices.--

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 30 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

#### --Summary of the Invention

In this context, the subject of the invention is a process for the distributed management of a catalogue of objects in a communication network comprising devices, the process comprising the step of registering local objects present in a device in a local registry managed at the level of this device, the process being characterized in that it furthermore comprises the steps:--

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

**--Brief Description of the Drawings**

Other characteristics and advantages of the invention will become apparent through the description of a particular non-limiting embodiment illustrated by the appended figures, among which:--

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

**--Detailed Description of the Invention**

According to the present exemplary embodiment, the home network comprises four types of devices: audio-video devices possessing full functionalities (FAV), audio-video devices with an intermediate function (IAV), base audio-video devices (BAV) and legacy audio-video devices (LAV). The communication bus is of the IEEE1394 type, but may be of some other type. The network admits a common control language, referred to as the HAVI language.--